

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 9-10 and 12 are requested to be cancelled.

Claims 3, 6 and 8 are currently being amended.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 3, 6, 8 and 11 are now pending in this application.

Allowable subject matter

Applicant appreciates the indication that claim 11 is allowed and claims 3, 6 and 8 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Applicant has amended claims 3, 6 and 8 to be in independent, and thus allowable, form. Thus, claims 3, 6, 8 and 11 are all in allowable form.

Title

Applicant has amended the title as suggested by the Examiner, and submits that the title, as amended, is descriptive.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 1 and 4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,479,276 to Soref (hereafter "Soref"). Claims 1, 5, 9, 10 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,720,172 to Baker (hereafter "Baker"). Claim 2 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Baker. Claim 7 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable Baker in view of Soref. These rejections are moot in light of the cancellation of claims 1-2, 4-5, 7, 9-10 and 12.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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